



Washington Fly Fishing Club

Nov 5, 2020
Virtual Board Meeting

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Jim Goedhart	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	
Dexter Brown	1st VP - Membership	P	Robert Thorpe	Conservation	
Neal Hoffberg	2nd VP - Programs	P	David Ehrich	Creel Notes	
Lily Cutler	3rd VP - Christmas Party	P	Neal Hoffberg	Education	P
David Spratt	Treasurer	P	Pat Becker	Fruit & Flowers	
Deborah Katz	Secretary	P	Robert Thorpe	IFFF Coordinator	
Marcia Kindinger	1 st Ghillie	P	Dave Schorsch	Outings	P
Ben Porter	2 nd Ghillie (non-voting)		Bob Birkner	Photographer	
	TRUSTEES		Cooper Hartman	Publicity	
John Gravendyk	Past President	P	Lily Cutler	Raffle	P
Tom Neu	Trustee	P	Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	
Jim Young	Trustee	P	Matt Reat	Webmaster	
Gary Bergquist	Trustee	P	Mel Fry	Webmaster	
Dick Brening	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
John Narver	Trustee		John Gravendyk	WFFC Foundation	P
Greg Crumbaker	Trustee		John Gravendyk	Youth	P
	GUESTS				

P = Present

President

President Jim Goedhart opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m. with a quorum of twelve officers and trustees. The minutes of the October meeting were approved without correction.

Committee Reports:

Outings Dave Schorsch

Dave Schorsch expressed doubt regarding likelihood of having WFFC sponsored outings due to resurgence of COVID-19 virus. It would be no sooner than February or March 2021. He did report on fishing last February near Frenchman Hills Waste Way



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which has plenty of room to spread out and some fish. It would be possible to suggest that as a destination for the club without officially “planning” it. There is plenty of room to spread out.

Neal Hoffberg offered to identify a location at Frenchman Hills.

Most state parks are open but group gatherings or activities are not permitted.

Youth

John Gravendyk

John Gravendyk reported that the last donation was sent out to Mayfly project for foster children programs. A thank you note was received.

Fruit and Flowers -

Board member reports

Chuck Ballard reported that Preston Singletary passed on November 3rd from lung cancer.

Dick Leventhal also passed

Jeanette Hanson passed away in early October.

Webmasters

Our webmasters explored why some WFFC members were not receiving email notices. Apparently this was primarily for individuals with msn.com email accounts.

Board Member Reports:

Treasurer Dave Spratt

Dave Spratt reports that checks were sent out to Western River Conservancy, the Osprey and Wild Fish Conservancy.

Membership Dexter Brown

The club currently 156 members. It was discussed again that they be introduced with brief biographies in the Creel Notes.



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Programs and Educations Neal Hoffberg

Neal Hoffberg reported that Skip Morris will be presenting on dry fly fishing in lakes at the November meeting. He also offered to tie a fly at the beginning of the meeting.

Bill's Birdsnest will be the fly for the Fly Tying Forum.

The evaluation from the fly fishing class was very positive. There was discussion regarding refining and improving class for the future. Chuck Ballard was wondering how to determine where improvements could be made to better meet attendee's needs or interests. They plan on doing the fly fishing class again next year and felt that the on-line format and over several sessions worked very well.

Neal has secured speakers into May 2021.

3rd V.P. -- December Fundraiser. Lily Cutler

Lily gave a brief report regarding items that she has secured for the fundraiser. She continues to figure out how to best use the platform for our on-line auction. Jim Goedhart and Lily have been working together to produce photos of the items, provide descriptions.

Deb Katz suggested that a nice "invitation" with an explanation of the format and process be sent out to members so raise interest in a different kind of fundraiser this year.

The auction dates will be Dec 13 - 19.

Secretary Deborah Katz

Deborah thanked the board for avoiding cross talk and for presenting according to the agenda so she doesn't lose her mind.



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OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The by-laws state that an election needs to be held in November. An appropriate process was identified and discussed. It was decided to send out a survey to members asking them to vote for or against the nominated officers.
- b. Dave Ehrich asked if he should suspend monthly Creel Notes due to limited submissions. Dexter is trying to compile a list of new members to fill a “special edition.” It was also felt that, leading up to the fundraiser, the Creel Notes will be a useful tool for explaining how the fundraiser will work and to introduce some of the items that are available.
- c. Jim Goedhart presented two different possible budgets for 2021: Bare Bones or Conservative. The discussion centered around various membership dues levels, potential restart of dinner meetings, potentially in July, continued Zoom board meetings and various other variables impacting income and expenses. It was decided that much of this will depend on the income generated at the fundraiser in December. The budget needs to be set in February. Discussion will continue after the outcome of the fundraiser is known.
- d. It was decided to keep dues for 2021 at \$40 for all members.
- e. Gary Berquist suggested that money in our treasury be used to “provide something of value for the membership” to maintain interest. In this case, the expenditure would be for highly desirable speakers who might have fairly pricey speaker’s fees. April Volkey was suggested.
- f. Creel Notes deadline Nov 10th

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Deborah N Katz
Secretary